



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 306

By Representatives McDonald, Maggart

and

Senators Roberts, Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Benny Bills upon his exemplary service as Sumner County Director of Schools.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding professionals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Benny Clyde Bills is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Gallatin since 1966, Mr. Bills received a bachelor's degree in history from Middle Tennessee State College in 1961, and then returned to his alma mater to earn a master's degree in education administration and supervision in 1969; and

WHEREAS, after proudly serving his country in the United States Army and working as a juvenile probation officer, Benny Bills began his illustrious career in education in 1966, as a history teacher at Gallatin Junior High School; and

WHEREAS, after serving with distinction as principal of Union Elementary School and Gallatin Junior High School, Mr. Bills was elected Superintendent of Schools by the good people of Sumner County in 1976, and he provided dedicated leadership and astute guidance to Sumner County Schools in that position for twelve years and three terms; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bills then enjoyed a productive tenure as principal of Westmoreland Middle School from 1988-1995, before transferring to Gallatin High School to serve adroitly as its principal for nearly ten years (1995-2005); and

WHEREAS, in March 2005, Benny Bills was appointed by the Sumner County Board of Education to serve once again as Director of Schools, and since that fateful day, he has performed at his usual exalted level of expertise, excellence, and élan; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Bills has received the Building a Bridge Award from the Sumner County Education Association and the Distinguished Administrator Award from the Tennessee Education Association; has been named Administrator of the Year by the Tennessee School Plant Association and Cornerstone Financial Credit Union; and has been honored as Middle Tennessee Administrator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Benny Bills is an extremely talented and compassionate administrator who works assiduously to motivate Sumner County's students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bills truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, faculty, staff, and students alike, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Benny Bills truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated educator who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Benny Bills upon his exemplary tenure as


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Sumner County Director of Schools, salute his exceptional service to the children of Sumner County and Tennessee, recognize his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: APRIL 28, 2011


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2011


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR